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Assistant Minister for American Affairs, Ambassador Salama Shaker, told Political MinCouns May 9 that Egypt would participate in the Bali Summit of "D-8" countries, and that Egypt would act as a moderating influence regarding issues of concern to Washington. Shaker welcomed the U.S. views on key regional issues and said she would ensure the reftel talking points (left as a non-paper) were shared with Egypt's delegation. RICCIARDONE